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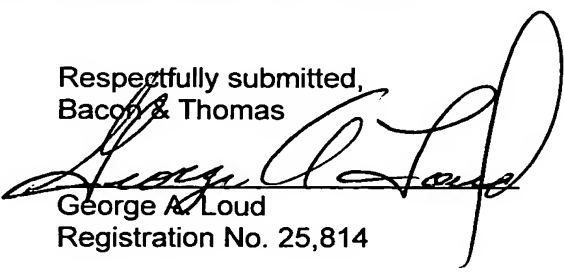
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The fourth listed document, not cited in the International Search Report, is JP 11-164843, also mentioned as "Related Art" at page 1 of applicants' specification. A copy of JP 11-164843 and a published English language abstract thereof are submitted herewith.

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U.S. Patent Documents

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	5,921,774	07-13-1999	Kamomi et al.			
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Foreign Patent Documents

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	JP-A-11-164843	06-22-1999	Japan				

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